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LETTER DATED 11 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that over the period 30 April-7 May 1992 United States aircraft have persisted in their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation.

30 April-1 May 1992

Thirteen sorties, flown by three 2-aircraft formations and seven single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000-5,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Rawanduz.

1-2 May 1992

Thirteen sorties, flown by five 2-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,500-7,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

3-4 May 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by eleven 2-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500-8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

4-5 May 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by six 2-aircraft formations and 10 single aircraft at speeds of 600-720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000-18,000 metres, centred over Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Irbil and Dukan.

5-6 May 1992

Twenty-six sorties, flown by twelve 2-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000-8,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Dukan. At 1125 hours on 5 May 1992, a formation consisting of two United States aircraft flew 15 kilometres inside the 36th parallel in the area of Irbil at a speed of 800 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 2,000 metres.

6-7 May 1992

Seven sorties, flown by one 2-aircraft formation and five single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500-6,500 metres, centred over Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk and Tall Afar.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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